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APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**WELCOME:** We pray that all will experience a warm welcome and experience the presence of the Lord in this house of worship. After the service we invite worshippers to enjoy refreshments in our fellowship hall.

**WORSHIP NOTES:**

- ◆ Today's service will use the liturgy known as "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen.
- ◆ **Bold printed words** indicate the congregation's responses.
- ◆ For families with young children, you're invited to take advantage of our worship activity bags for children located in the lobby. A nursery for children 4 and younger is located in Room #7 in our educational wing.
- ◆ If you have a moment, please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ◆ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the welcome window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ◆ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.

**WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

*Please observe silence in preparation for worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD**

GATHERING SONG

#384

*"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness...

*A brief silence is kept for a moment of reflection*

Most merciful God,

**We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION*

Refrain

*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

Verse 1

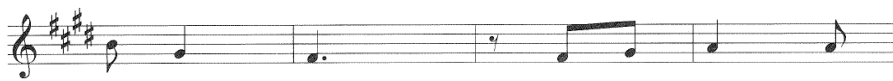
*Congregation or Congregation 1:*



Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God.

*To refrain*

Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

*To refrain*

Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

*To refrain*

Our first scripture reading is from the New Testament, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter two, beginning with verse fourteen.

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

This is God’s word.

**Thanks be to God.**

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Peter’s first letter, chapter one, beginning with verse three.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>  
In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to

suffer various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p. 883*)

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter twenty, beginning with verse nineteen.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY

#389

*“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

THE SERMON

GUEST PREACHER REV. DON YEAGER

“God Never Gives Up”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

FOR HIS GLORY RINGERS

*“Rejoice! He Is Risen!”*

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OFFERTORY

Refrain

*Congregation:*



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*To refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Each petition will conclude with "Lord in your mercy;" the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer.")*

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Almighty God; The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

#172

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PENNY POWER:** The Penny Power focus for March was Camp Magical Moments. In April, Penny Power is helping the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) to spread the love of Jesus. CMA is a non-profit, interdenominational ministry dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through the passion of motorcycling.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Ladies' Book Club is tackling the book of Acts. Join us as we study how the Holy Spirit worked through the Apostles to spread the Gospel through the known world. There are lots of great stories to enjoy as we follow Peter and then Paul in their leadership roles. We will meet Rhoda and Lydia, and be shipwrecked with Paul. You won't want to miss it! We meet Wednesdays from 2 to 3 pm. As always, there is no outside reading or study, and no extra book to buy. Just bring your Bible – and maybe a friend. If you forget your Bible or don't have one, the church owns many for your use. (So – no excuses!)

**CALLING ALL TECH-MINDED INDIVIDUALS!** We need more help with our worship service livestream. Our online community has expanded. We currently stream to almost 100 online viewers each week. This is an amazing platform to reach out to those beyond our church walls. This opportunity is open to our high school and college students, as well as anyone who is interested in learning a new skill. Please contact Paul Bayless for more information.

## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTIAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM:**



Sunday afternoon games start April 26th. Playoffs are in September, and played at Community Park (occasionally Tautphaus Park) ballfields. We do not play on Mother's Day. You must be 16 or older. No age is too old!! Any experience is welcome!

A MINIMUM OF 6 GUYS & 6 GIRLS ARE NEEDED  
FOR US TO PLAY AT EACH GAME.

For more information, call or text **Andrew Meng** at **208-716-5625**.



Time and location of games will be posted each week in the Sunday church bulletin and monthly newsletter. If you don't want to play, please come and support us by cheering the team on at the games.



## **FELC ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Saturday, June 6 | 8 am - 2 pm |

Save the date! AND start saving your clean, usable stuff!!

Your help is so important and is greatly appreciated! You can plan on helping by: donating, volunteering, healthy snacks, shopping, and praying for a beautiful day!

More details to come



## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a purple prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate or you can email [office@firstlc.com](mailto:office@firstlc.com). All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME:**

Donna Amundson; Betty Benjamin (*Lisa Mullinix's mother*); Charlotte Benson; Dean Benson; Kevin Call; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Cornden & Elias Cox (*Cal Miller's family*); Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Laura Dean; Joan Douglas (*Bev Novak's sister*); Bobbie Eddie (*Barbara Carlson's father*); Josephine Fife (*Julie Reinwald's mother*); Steve Galbraith; Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Jeanne Griffes-Koepplin; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Bill Hayes; Jack Heier; Sue Hindman; Jose Holtz; Cathy Homberg (*Heather Catanese's sister*); Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen (*Rebecca Jackson's cousin*); Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (*Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law*); Mary Krippner; Daniel Lance (*Cal Miller's brother-in-law*); Austin Leger (*Heather Catanese's son*); Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure (*Jeannie Campbell's daughter*); Bob McGee (*Richard Magnuson's friend*); Tim Metcalf; Vicky Mickelson (*Becky Jackson's aunt*); Cal Miller; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (*Larry Hudman's sister*); Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman (*Richard Magnuson's cousin*); Mary Pilkington; Mark Pischer (*Cal Miller's son-in-law*); Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson (*Dustin Jackson's aunt*); Cindy Robello; Laura Schoonmaker; Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (*Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son*); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Chris Weaver; Jane Winston; Daniel & Sarah Young; Oakley (*Nonda Meyer's great granddaughter*)

### **PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**

TJ Littere; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RESTORED HEALTH:**

Peggy Buhr; Barrett (*Cara Dahlberg's nephew*); Scottie Grace; Tami Henvit; Amelia McDaniel; Pat Matthews; Cameron (*DiAnn Brown's niece's husband*)



**INQUIRER'S/NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTS NEXT WEEK:**

Pr. Mike will be offering “Lutheranism 101” starting Sunday **April 19th** for those curious about the Lutheran faith, those who wish to become members, or those established Lutherans who just want a refresher. Topics and class sessions are as follows:

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> | 9 am |

**GRACE ALONE**

What’s so Amazing about Grace?

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> | 9 am |

**FAITH ALONE**

How does our Faith Life make a difference in our Real Life?  
Is a church a “museum for saints” or a “hospital for sinners?”

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> | 9 am |

**SCRIPTURE ALONE**

What kind of authority does ancient scripture have in a modern world?

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> | 9 am |

**BAPTISM**

Is the most important element of baptism:  
The water? The household? The believer? or God?

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> | 9 am |

**COMMUNION**

God’s family meal:  
What’s the occasion? What are we eating? Who’s invited?

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> | 9 am |

**CONSIDER BEING A “FRIEND OF” OR “MEMBER OF” FELC**

What God’s Spirit has been doing at FELC in the past, the present,  
& where it might lead us in the future.  
Finding your role in God’s house.

If you are interested in attending, please contact  
the church office or Pastor Mike.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH****TODAY 4/12/2026**

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday School - Education Wing
10:15 am	Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice - Narthex
7:00 pm	The Eastern Idaho Chorale Concert - Sanctuary

**MONDAY 4/13/2026**

7:00 pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting - Library
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**TUESDAY 4/14/2026**

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitches - Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Care & Concern Meeting - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY 4/15/2026**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies' Book Club - Library
5:30 pm	Family Team Ministry Meeting - Library

**THURSDAY 4/16/2026**

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Library
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Training - Youth Room
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting - Library

**FRIDAY 4/17/2026**

10:00 am	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
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**SATURDAY 4/18/2026**

9am-4pm	Stephen Ministry Training - Youth Room
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**SUNDAY 4/19/2026**

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	New Members Class - Library
9:00 am	Sunday School - Education Wing
10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice - Narthex

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Jan Galbraith, Mary Hanek**

Liturgist: **Steve Galbraith**

Usher Coordinator: **Dave Sheldon**

Ushers: **Phil Forbord, Paul Worth**

Counters: **Phil & Tessa Forbord**

Altar Guild: **Diane Sheldon, Jan Galbraith**

Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**

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**Praise Band Director:** Steve Galbraith .....  
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### **Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Year to date Income thru March \$92,327; Year to date Expenses thru March \$92,740

Year to date net Cash Flow thru March -\$413

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 303, Live Stream: 73